

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| Eric Gutman, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | No. 08 C 380 |
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| v. |) | Judge Dow |
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| City of Chicago and unknown Chicago |) | Magistrate Judge Brown |
| Police Officers, |) | |
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| Defendants. |) | |

**DEFENDANT CITY OF CHICAGO'S UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE
PLEAD TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

Defendant City of Chicago (the "City"), by its attorney, Mara S. Georges, Corporation Counsel of the City, moves for an extension of time of thirty (30) days, up to and including March 24, 2008, to answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's complaint. The City states the following in support of this motion:

1. Plaintiff filed his eight-count complaint on January 17, 2008. The complaint alleges federal claims under 42 U.S.C. 1983 and Illinois state law claims against the City and unknown officers of the Chicago Police Department.
2. Plaintiff's complaint and summons were served on the City on or about January 28, 2008. The City's answer or other pleading to the complaint was due on February 19, 2008.
3. On February 21, 2008, undersigned counsel was assigned to this case and filed an appearance on behalf of the City.

4. To properly answer or otherwise plead, the City requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to March 24, 2008, by which time it should have the opportunity to investigate plaintiff's allegations and gather and review any pertinent records.

5. This motion is not being brought for the purpose of delay or any other improper purpose.

6. Plaintiff will not be prejudiced if the requested extension of time is granted.

7. Plaintiff's counsel does not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, the City respectfully requests that this Court grant it an extension of time of thirty (30) days, up to and including March 24, 2008, to answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's complaint.

Dated: February 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, certifies that on February 21, 2008, he electronically filed the foregoing Defendant City of Chicago's Unopposed Motion for an Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead to Plaintiff's Complaint with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record in this matter registered to receive notice through the CM/ECF system.

By: /s/ Kenneth Charles Robling
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